

Menu Item for: ***Radon Risk Reduction in Tribal Indoor Radon Grants***
(as described in the State Indoor Radon Grant- SIRG Program)

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE: To assist states and Federally recognized Indian Tribes in the development and implementation of programs and projects reducing health risks associated with radon exposure.

Background: Each year EPA Headquarters allocates funds to the ten EPA Regional Offices for award to recipients. The Regional Offices are responsible for determining the amount of Federal funding for each individual recipient within its jurisdiction. Subsequent funding is dependent on EPA's evaluation of recipients' performance during the current and prior grant years, on the most recent radon risk information available for the recipient, and on the degree of success and documented risk reduction being achieved.

Funding Mechanism: The Office of Radiation and Indoor Air oversee the State (Tribal) Indoor Radon Grant Program (SIRG). Funding authorities include the Indoor Radon Abatement Act, 15 U.S.C. 2661, Section 306, which are awarded with a match requirement; and TSCA Title I Section 10(a) – Research, Development, Collection, Dissemination, and Utilization of Data, which has no match but must be awarded competitively.

Activities/Tasks: The following *tasks* or *activities* are options for grantees to consider in developing a work plan that includes radon risk reduction objectives. Adapting these needs to respond to those of a specific reservation or tribal community is encouraged, taking into consideration for what purpose the monitoring data will be used. EPA Regional Offices are available to provide technical advice on what a particular tribe may require to adequately support their proposed workplan activities. Applicants should refer to the SIRG Program Guidance and Handbook - Chapter 3, for specific program and project information. A *timeline* is created for the activities by estimating the dates by which each task, and sub-task, will be completed in order to accomplish the objective by the planned date.

- Educating consumers, real estate professionals, home inspectors, builders, state and local building code officials, and others;
- Persuading home builders to include radon-resistant techniques in their new homes;
- Encouraging local code officials to adopt radon-resistant building codes; and
- Promoting testing and fixing in residential real estate transfers by home sellers and buyers.

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WORK PLAN RESULTS: Results from EPA grant funded activities (also known as “deliverables”) are characterized as either *outputs* or *outcomes*. Both are important means of documenting grant accomplishments. For explanation of *outputs* and *outcomes* see the Menu Item for *Air Quality Administration Infrastructure*.

Possible Outputs: [These are examples of *outputs* for this objective; there may be others]

- Development of plans for radon testing and mitigation in homes and schools.
- Setting targets for programmatic results in four areas: testing, mitigation, radon resistant new homes, and innovative awareness activities.
- Report on the number of activities which result in increased radon testing and mitigation in homes.
- Report on the number of demonstration projects to train participants in radon risk reduction techniques.
- Participation in Radon outreach activities, particularly in conjunction with Radon Action Month (January).
- Number of project results to support radon risk reduction such as: calls received, meetings held, etc.

Possible Outcomes: [These are examples of *outputs* for this objective; there may be others]

- Number of new homes built radon-resistant.
- Number of home mitigations in conjunction with Tribal outreach programs.
- Number of school mitigations.

FY 2006 NATIONAL EPA PERFORMANCE MEASURES :

No factors have been established to measure EPA’s progress in this area during fiscal year 2006. The following would be examples of such future measures:

- Number of tribes with established radon mitigation programs and the total number of mitigations.
- Number of tribes which have adopted radon resistant building codes or practices and the total number of new homes built radon resistant.